

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUBBOCK DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

v.

XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Health and Human Services; UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 5:24-CV-00225-H

**PLAINTIFF STATE OF TEXAS'S UNOPPOSED MOTION
TO WITHDRAW RYAN WALTERS AS COUNSEL**

Plaintiff, the State of Texas (Texas), files this Unopposed Motion to Withdraw Ryan Walters as counsel of record in this matter.

Mr. Walters has accepted a position within the Office of the Attorney General of Texas but outside of the Special Litigation Division handling this case, and Texas respectfully requests that he be withdrawn as counsel of record in this case. Texas will continue to be represented by co-counsel listed below. This withdrawal is unopposed and will not delay any proceedings.

Dated: January 30, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that on January 30, 2025, this office conferred with all counsel by email, and none were opposed to this motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(a), I hereby certify that on January 30, 2025, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) and served on all counsel of record.

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